



CITY OF ARVADA

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July 17, 2012

Mr. Brandon Wieber
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Re: CORA request dated July 14, 2012

Dear Mr. Wieber,

I am writing to respond to your request for drone information. I will respond to your request for information according to your numbered requests.

1. [A]ny requests for proposals, proposals submitted by vendors, contracts, budgets or cost allocations for the purchase and/or use of aerial drones, UAs, UAVs, and UAS's.

The Arvada Police Department (APD) has never issued a request for a proposal for a drone. Therefore, no one has submitted any information that is responsive to such a proposal. The APD has never budgeted for or allocated funds for the purchase of a drone.

2. [A]ny policies, guidelines, manuals, and/or instructions on department use of drones, including on the legal process (such as a warrant or court order), if any, before operating a drone.

Because the APD does not have or use a drone, it does not maintain policies on the use of these items.

3. [A]ny departmental records concerning this department's use of drones now or plans to use drones in the future including: a. the types of investigation or instances in which this department is using or plans to use drones, or how it plans to support, manage, or oversee the usage of drones by another department or office; b. policies, guidelines, manuals and/or instructions on storage requirements or procedures for video or static images obtained through use of drones, including retention times; c. the altitude at which drones can or do fly; [and] d. drones' ability to carry weapons.

Because APD does not have any drones and does not have any plans to issue a request for a proposal to acquire one, APD does not have any information that is responsive to your request. I am not certain I understand your request for information about how APD plans to manage, or oversee, the usage of drones by another department, but the APD has no plans to manage or oversee a drone used by another department, so the APD does not have any information that is responsive to this request.

As an aside, I understand that we learned of your CORA request essentially by accident, as it was not addressed to me as the custodian of records for the APD. You should know that public entities have no obligation to monitor the Internet or social media sites for records requests. In the future, please address any requests for records to my attention at the address listed below.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Carson
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